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## East Cascade Resource Councils Seeking New Members

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has several vacancies on Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) in central and eastern Oregon. These RACs recommend and advise on strategies for managing Federal lands east of the Cascade Range administered by the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service. The John Day-Snake RAC and the Southeast Oregon RAC each have six openings. Nominations for these key advisors will be accepted through **August 24, 2007**.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires RACs to be balanced and represent the variety of interests concerned with public land management. **Vacancies and expired terms this year include representatives of: environmental groups, commercial timber industry, public-at-large, local elected officials, archaeological and/or historical interests, commercial recreation and/or off-highway vehicle (OHV) users, and conservation interests.**

People may apply for a three-year term or nominate others by submitting a completed nomination form along with a recommendation letter from the interest group the person would like to represent. Other material that illustrates the nominee's qualifications may also be included. Candidates must reside in the State where the council has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience working with the interest area they choose to represent, and their knowledge of the RAC's geographic area. Successful candidates must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. For a nomination form, additional information, or to submit application packets, please contact Ms. Pam Robbins, BLM, ([pam\\_robbins@or.blm.gov](mailto:pam_robbins@or.blm.gov)), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon, (503) 808-6306, or your local BLM District Office.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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